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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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For: PROCESS FOR WATERPROOFING : No. 6023-133US  
LEATHER AND LEATHER OBTAINED : (MI/X13646)  
BY MEANS OF SAID PROCESS :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice:

**In the Specification and Claims:**

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

Please replace the specification and claims with the Substitute Specification and claims shown in clean form attached hereto and having the bracketed additions and stricken deletions as shown in the attached marked up version of the specification.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 14 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is to insert the reference to the parent application of which this is a continuation, place the application headings in appropriate U.S. form and to place the claims in appropriate U.S. form and delete the multiple dependent claims in this application, and thereby eliminate excessive claim fees. Such amendments are formal in nature

and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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